

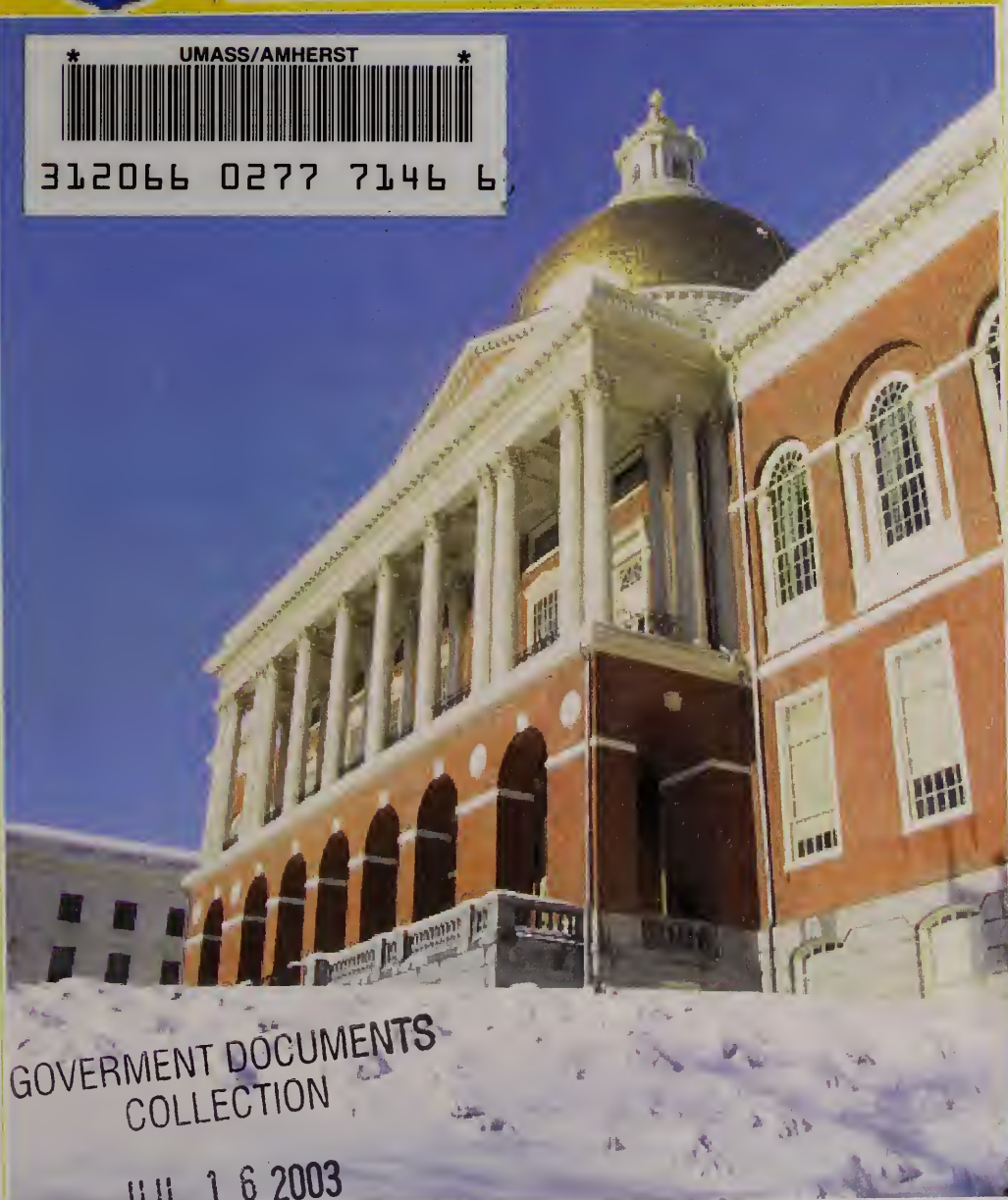
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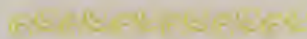
STATE HOUSE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



The Honorable Thomas M. Finneran
and the Honorable David L. Flynn,
Dean of the House,
welcome you to this historic celebration
and extend warm wishes and congratulations
to the members of the 2003-2004
Massachusetts House of Representatives.



"These halls are eloquent with the presence of the great dead. They speak to us with the compelling voice of the past and bid us be not unworthy of the trust it has imposed."

"May we meet the problems of the present with the spirit which inspired our fathers, and may we dedicate ourselves anew to the maintenance of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people; so may God bless us of this generation as he has hitherto blessed the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

★ Governor Roger Wolcott
upon the centennial of the Bulfinch State House in 1898.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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| 8:30-11:00 AM | Continental Breakfast | Great Hall |
| 9:00-11:00 AM | State House Tours | Doric Hall |
| 9:00-12:30 AM | Children's Activities | Room 348 in the Member's Lounge |
| 9:30 AM | Democratic Caucus | Gardner Auditorium |
| 10:00 AM | Republican Caucus | B-1 |
| 11:00 AM | Formal Session | House Chamber |
| 12:30-2:30 PM | Luncheon | Great Hall |

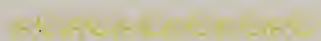
APPRECIATION



Musical entertainment provided by:

- ★ Ayla M. Brown
- ★ Barbara Flynn
- ★ The Boston Police Gaelic Column Pipe and Drum Corps

We recognize these artists for their talent and thank them for sharing their gifts.



We also extend our appreciation to the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms and the House Court Officers, the Office of the House Clerk, the House Chaplin—Rev. Robert F. Quinn, the Bureau of State Office Buildings, the State Police, the MDC Park Rangers, and the dedicated employees of the House of Representatives for their efforts today and every day.



REPUBLICAN CAUCUS



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December 16, 2002

To All Republican House Members and Republican House Members-Elect:

As Dean of the House Republican Caucus, it is my responsibility to inform you that the Republican Members of the House of Representatives and Republican Members-Elect will caucus in Room B-1 of the Massachusetts State House on Wednesday, January 1, 2003 at 10:00 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a leader for the 2003-2004 legislative session.

The full membership of the House of Representatives will meet in a full formal session at 11:00 AM in the House Chamber on that same day. During the said session, the oaths and affirmations of office will be administered to the members.

I look forward to seeing you on the 1st and working with you during the legislative session. Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Rowe at 617-722-2210.

Sincerely,

Shaun P. Kelly
State Representative



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives
State House, Boston 02133

MEMORANDUM

TO: Democratic Members-elect of the House of Representatives
FROM: David L. Flynn, Senior Member-elect *DLF*
DATE: December 11, 2002
SUBJECT: Democratic Caucus on January 1, 2003

A meeting of the Democratic Members-elect of the House of Representatives will be held in Gardner Auditorium at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 1, 2003 for the purpose of electing a Speaker, Clerk, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

The House of Representatives will meet to organize at 11:00 A.M. in the House Chamber on said Wednesday, January 1st, at which time the oaths and affirmations of office will be administered to the members and the roll will be called for election of a Speaker.



FIRST DAY'S BUSINESS OF THE 183RD GENERAL COURT JANUARY 1, 2003

- ☆ House convenes at 11:00 AM.
- ☆ Eldest senior member-elect, David L. Flynn of Bridgewater, calls the House to order.
- ☆ Prayer by Rev. Lawrence J. Drennan, guest chaplain selected by eldest senior member-elect.
- ☆ Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ☆ Singing of the National Anthem.
- ☆ Order for a special committee to notify the Governor that members-elect are assembled and ready to take the oaths and affirmations of office. [15 members.]
- ☆ Governor, Councillors and Constitutional Officers enter the Chamber and the Governor administers the oaths and affirmations of office.
- ☆ Order that the House proceed to the election of a Speaker.
- ☆ Roll call by the Clerk and announcement made of the choice of Speaker.
- ☆ Special committee to escort the Speaker, under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms, to the Chair.
- ☆ Remarks of the Speaker, who is now in the Chair.
- ☆ Remarks of the Minority Leader.
- ☆ Election of a Clerk.
- ☆ Clerk qualifies by taking oath.
- ☆ Remarks of the Clerk.
- ☆ Appointment of the Assistant Clerks.
- ☆ Election of a Sergeant-at-Arms.
- ☆ Speaker appoints the Chaplain for the House of Representatives.
- ☆ Order for a special committee to inform the Senate of the organization of the House. [Speaker appoints a committee of 11 members.]
- ☆ Committee from the Senate announcing the organization of that branch and the election of their President and their Clerk.
- ☆ Order for a special committee to inform the Governor and the Council of the organization of the House. [Speaker appoints a committee of 11 members.]
- ☆ Possible order from the Senate for a Convention of the two branches on Thursday January 2, 2003.
- ☆ Order that the House Rules of 2001-2002 shall be the temporary House Rules.
- ☆ Order from the Senate that the Joint Rules of 2001-2002 shall be the temporary Joint Rules.
- ☆ Special communication from the Secretary of State relative to the returns of votes for Representatives.
- ☆ Order for a special committee to examine the returns of votes for Representatives. [Speaker appoints committee of 3 members.]
- ☆ Order that the Clerk inform the Senate of the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House.
- ☆ Order that the Clerk begin the printing of the Journal.
- ☆ Report of special committee on returns of votes cast for Representatives. [Suspend Rule 42 and accept.]
- ☆ Presentation of new business (recommendations, petitions, special reports, etc.).
- ☆ Order for next sitting.
- ☆ Adjournment.

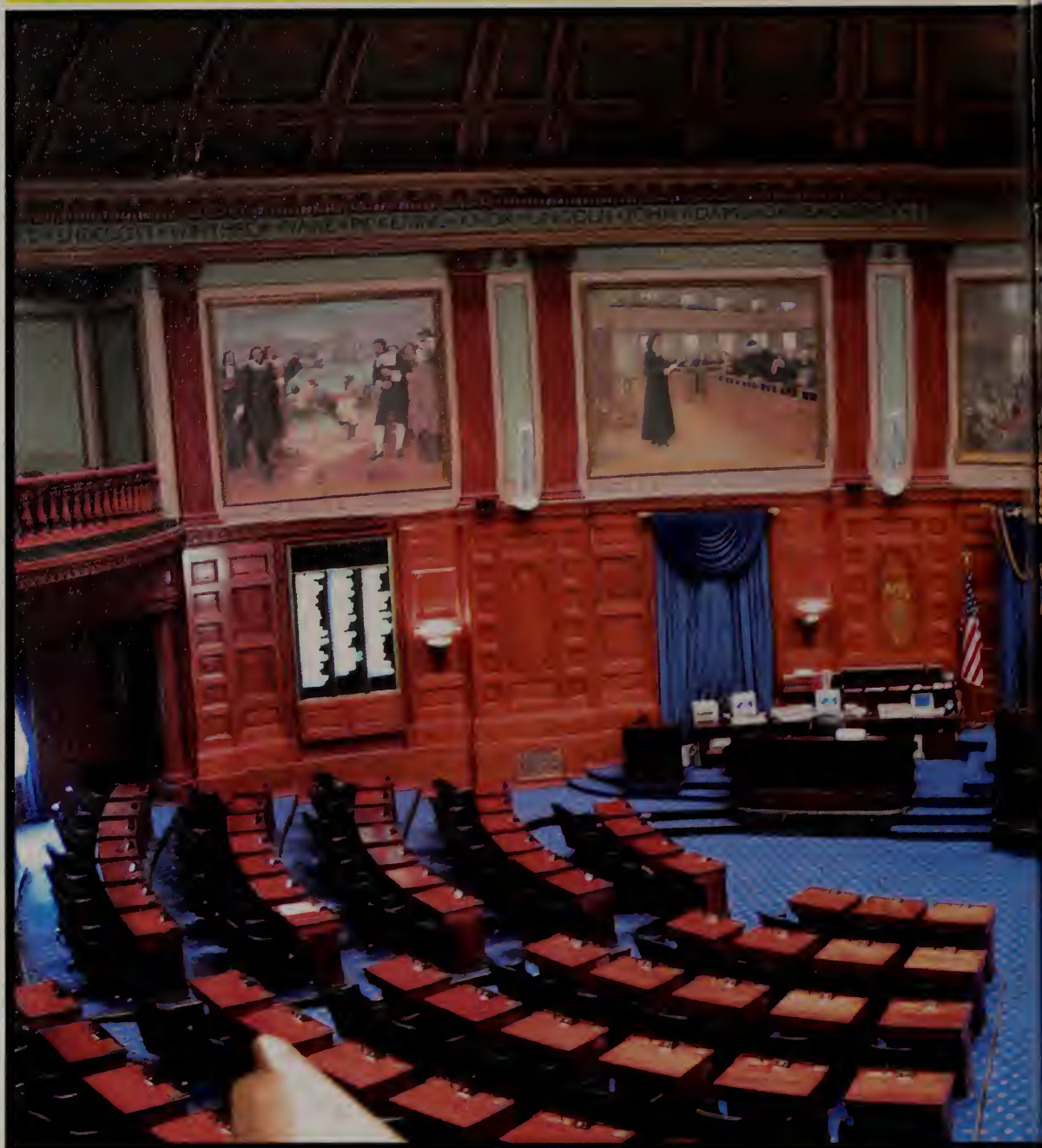
**SECOND DAY'S BUSINESS OF THE
183RD GENERAL COURT**
JANUARY 2, 2003



- ★ Prayer of the Chaplain, Rev. Robert F. Quinn.
- ★ Senate communication as to the State Constitutional Officers.
- ★ Senate communication as to the Councillors.
- ★ Order from the Senate that the returns of votes for State Officers and Councillors be referred to a joint special committee. [Speaker appoints committee of 3 members.]
- ★ Senate report on election of State Officers and Councillors. [Suspend Rule 42 and accept.]
- ★ Senate order that the State Secretary notify the Councillors-elect.
- ★ Order from the Senate that a joint convention be held (unless previously adopted.)
- ★ Convention of the two branches.
- ★ Order for a special committee to inform Governor-elect, Lieutenant Governor-elect and Councillors-elect that the House and Senate are in Convention and ready to receive them for qualification of their respective offices.
- ★ Governor-elect, Lieutenant Governor-elect and Councillors-elect enter the House Chamber.
- ★ Invocation.
- ★ Singing of the National Anthem.
- ★ Qualification of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Councillors by the President of the Senate.
- ★ Remarks by the Lieutenant Governor.
- ★ Address by the Governor.
- ★ Benediction.
- ★ Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Councillors withdraw from the Chamber.
- ★ Convention dissolves and Senate returns to the Senate Chamber.
- ★ House order that the prayers of the Chaplain be printed in the Journal.
- ★ House order that the State Secretary notify the Governor of the qualifications of the Councillors. [Send to the Senate.]
- ★ Order to establish the hour of meeting for the next session of the House of Representatives.
- ★ Adjournment.



THE HOUSE CHAMBER



The current House Chamber was built in 1895 as part of the Brigham addition to the Capitol from the rain forests of Honduras. It was designed to accommodate a legislative session to 160 members in 1979.

An automated voting system was first used in 1965 to replace the oral roll call process. An extensive renovation effort in the summer of 1998. The project restored the Chamber's accessibility. Steven Spielberg's *Amistad* and, more recently, former Secretary of the House Chamber.



Massachusetts State House. Its walls are made of hand-carved white mahogany
y of 240 Representatives. The current seating arrangement reflects the reduction

ss that took from 10 to 25 minutes per vote. The Chamber was the subject of an
urals, returned the Chamber to its original color scheme, and provided for greater
ate James Michael Connolly's *A Gentleman from Boston* include scenes filmed in



THE ICONOGRAPHY OF THE HOUSE



THE SACRED COD: Directly opposite the Speaker's chair, in the gallery, hangs the famous "Sacred Cod" symbolizing the fishing industry.

Nearly five feet in length and ten inches across at its widest point, this Sacred Cod dates back to 1784 when a Boston artisan named John Rowe asked "that leave might be given to hang up the representation of a Cod Fish in the room where the House sit, as a memorial of the importance of the Cod Fishery to the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth..."

In March of 1895, a little more than two months after the House began work in the new chamber, the state Sergeant-at-Arms ordered "the immediate removal of the ancient representation... from its present position in the [current Senate] chamber recently vacated by the House." A ceremony almost reverent in nature accompanied its removal and the procession to the new House chamber was as solemn as a funeral. The "Sacred Cod" was wrapped in an American flag and "borne to the House of Representatives by four messengers." Upon entering the new House chamber, "the Ancient Emblem was raised upon their shoulders," and Speaker George V. L. Meyer "rapped the House to rise" and, "with honors of state," the symbol of one of the state's most important industries was "received back to the fold."

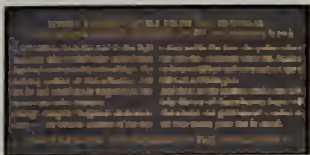
Although there is still debate about whether the icon was briefly "cod-napped" by members of the Harvard Lampoon or simply misplaced during renovations in 1933, there is no truth to the legend that the wooden carving faced to the right until 1949, when Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr. became the first modern-day Democrat to be elected speaker. While there are many people who believe that Speaker O'Neill, one of four Speakers of the Massachusetts House who went on to serve as speaker of the U.S. House, flipped the Sacred Cod around and declared that it would face to the left as long as a Democrat presided over the House, photographic evidence from the late nineteenth and early-to-mid twentieth century dispel this myth.



MILESTONES ON THE ROAD TO FREEDOM: High on the wall behind the Speaker are murals depicting the growth of freedom in Massachusetts.

In 1942, Mr. Albert Herter, an artist of national recognition and father of House Speaker Christian Herter, completed the "Milestones on the Road to Freedom" without charge to the Commonwealth. These paintings, initially suggested to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Massachusetts General Court, were to depict "five outstanding events connected with the early history of said General Court."

In order from left to right: Puritans, led by Governor Winthrop, landing in Massachusetts in 1630; Judge Sewall repenting for having sentenced accused witches to death at the Salem witchcraft trials; John Hancock asking that the Bill of Rights be included in the United States Constitution; John Adams, Samuel Adams, and James Bowdoin writing the Massachusetts Constitution; and an unpopular Royal Governor, Edmund Andros, being asked to leave.



PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SPEECH: Eleven days before he was sworn in as President of the United States, John F. Kennedy came to House Chamber and addressed the General Court.

Speaking from the rostrum on January 9, 1961, President-elect Kennedy recalled colonial Governor John Winthrop's famous "City on a Hill" address. Delivered in 1630 to his shipmates aboard the *Arbella*, Winthrop outlined his vision of the new colony and, echoing Matthew 5:14, stressed why his fellow colonists should consider themselves "a city upon a hill" with "the eyes of all people upon them." President-elect Kennedy assured his audience that "the endearing qualities of Massachusetts" would not and "could not be forgotten" in what he accurately predicted would be "the four stormy years that lie ahead."

A passage from Kennedy's speech was carved into slate by John Benson of the John Stevens Shop in Newport, Rhode Island—one of the oldest, continuously operated businesses in the entire nation. The plaque was affixed to the front of the Speaker's rostrum in 1970.



PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE: Emblazoned in gold leaf on the frieze encircling the House chamber are the names of fifty-three men whose lives, ideals and accomplishments were deemed worthy "to be held in perpetual remembrance."

It was preferred that the list not be confined "to those who...rendered official service," but instead "to select the sons of Massachusetts by birth or adoption, such as have attained especial eminence as statesmen, jurists, soldiers, scholars, preachers, merchants or scientific investigation." Named on the frieze are:

JOHN ADAMS—revolutionary statesman, first Vice President and second President of the United States; JOHN QUINCY ADAMS—statesman and sixth President of the United States; LOUIS AGASSIZ—naturalist; CHARLES ALLEN—US Congressman and Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court; JOHN A. ANDREW—Massachusetts Governor during the Civil War; GEORGE BANCROFT—historian; WILLIAM F. BARTLETT—Major General in the Civil War; ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL—inventor of the telephone; NATHANIEL BOWDITCH—mathematician; WILLIAM BRADFORD—second Governor of Plymouth Colony; PHILLIPS BROOKS—preacher; WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT—poet; CHARLES BULFINCH—architect; JOHN CARVER—first Governor of Plymouth Colony; WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING—preacher; RUFUS CHOATE—orator and Senator from Massachusetts; JOHN SINGLETON COPLEY—artist; NATHAN DANE—member of the Continental Congress, author of ordinance prohibiting slavery in the territories west of the Ohio River; CHARLES DEVENS—Major General in the Civil War, US Attorney General, Justice of the state Supreme Judicial Court; JONATHAN EDWARDS—preacher; RALPH WALDO EMERSON—poet and prose writer; JOHN ENDECOTT—first Governor of Massachusetts Bay; EDWARD EVERETT—statesman, orator, US Senator, Massachusetts Governor; BENJAMIN FRANKLIN—revolutionary patriot and scientist; WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON—anti-slavery orator; NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE—author; OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES—poet and prose writer; SAMUEL G. HOWE—educator of the blind; WILLIAM M. HUNT—artist; HENRY KNOX—Major General in the Revolutionary War; BENJAMIN LINCOLN—Major General in the Revolutionary War; HENRY W. LONGFELLOW—poet; JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL—poet and prose writer; HORACE MANN—educator; SAMUEL F. B. MORSE—inventor of the telegraph; WILLIAM T. G. MORTON—discovered anesthetic property in ether; J. LOTHROP MOTLEY—historian; FRANCIS PARKMAN—historian; THEOPHILUS PARSONS—Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court; BENJAMIN PEIRCE—mathematician; WENDELL PHILLIPS—anti-slavery orator; TIMOTHY PICKERING—Adjutant General and Quartermaster General for General Washington in the Revolutionary War, Postmaster General, Secretary of War and Secretary of State, Senator from Massachusetts; WILLIAM H. PRESCOTT—historian; RUFUS PUTNAM—Brigadier General in the Revolutionary War and founder of the Marietta Colony in Ohio; JOSIAH QUINCY—Congressman, Mayor of Boston and President of Harvard College; LEMUEL SHAW—Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court; JOSEPH STORY—Justice of the US Supreme Court; CHARLES SUMNER—statesman and Senator from Massachusetts; SIR HENRY VANE—Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony, beheaded in England for his devotion to liberty; DANIEL WEBSTER—statesman and Senator from Massachusetts; JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER—poet; HENRY WILSON—statesman, US Senator and US Vice President; JOHN WINTHROP—Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony.



2003-2004

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Demetrius J. Atsalis of Barnstable
Bruce J. Ayers of Quincy
Ruth B. Balser of Newton
John J. Binienda of Worcester
Deborah D. Blumer of Framingham
Daniel E. Bosley of North Adams
Garrett J. Bradley of Hingham
Arthur J. Broadhurst of Methuen
Scott P. Brown of Wrentham
Stephen J. Buoniconti of West Springfield
Antonio F. D. Cabral of New Bedford
Jennifer M. Callahan of Sutton†
Christine E. Canavan of Brockton
Gale D. Candaras of Wilbraham
Mark J. Carron of Southbridge
Paul C. Casey of Winchester
Vincent P. Ciampa of Somerville
Edward G. Connolly of Everett
Michael J. Coppola of Foxborough
Robert Correia of Fall River
Michael A. Costello of Newburyport†
Robert K. Coughlin of Dedham†
Geraldine Creedon of Brockton
Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop
Vinny M. deMacedo of Plymouth
Paul C. Demakis of Boston
Brian S. Dempsey of Haverhill
Salvatore F. DiMasi of Boston
Paul J. Donato of Medford
Christopher J. Donelan of Orange†
Carol A. Donovan of Woburn
James B. Eldridge of Acton†
Lewis G. Evangelidis of Holden†
James H. Fagan of Taunton
Christopher G. Fallon of Malden
Mark V. Falzone of Saugus
Robert F. Fennell of Lynn
Michael E. Festa of Melrose
Barry R. Finegold of Andover
Thomas M. Finneran of Boston
David L. Flynn of Bridgewater
Gloria L. Fox of Boston
John P. Fresolo of Worcester
Paul K. Frost of Auburn
William C. Galvin of Canton
Colleen M. Garry of Dracut
Thomas N. George of Yarmouth
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Emile J. Goguen of Fitchburg
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Thomas A. Golden, Jr. of Lowell
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Lida E. Harkins of Needham
Bradford Hill of Ipswich
Reed V. Hillman of Sturbridge
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Thomas P. Kennedy of Brockton
Kay Khan of Newton
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Karen Spilka of Ashland
Harriett L. Stanley of West Newbury
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Marie St. Fleur of Boston
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David B. Sullivan of Fall River
Joseph C. Sullivan of Braintree
Benjamin Swan of Springfield
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A. Stephen Tobin of Quincy
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. of Cambridge
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Dedham—D



Susan Williams Gifford
Wareham—R



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Freetown—D



Alice Hanlon Peisch
Wellesley—D



Jeffrey Davis Perry
Sandwich—R



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Lenox—D



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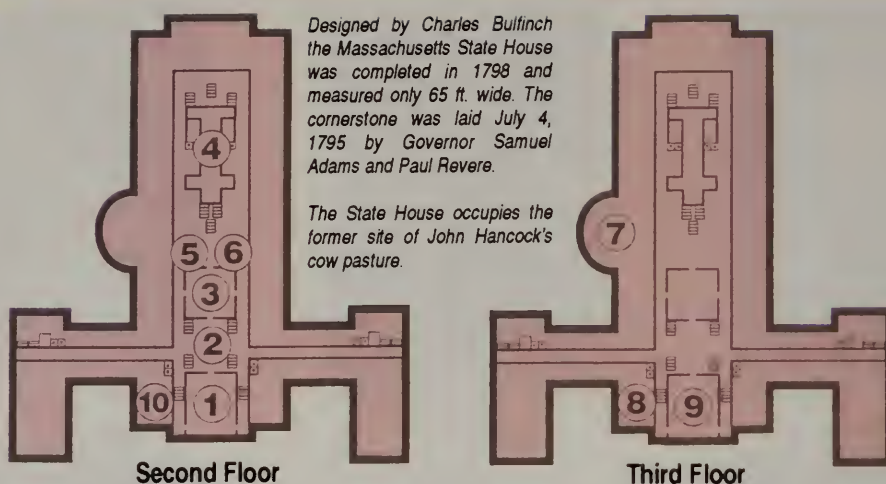
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Start on the second floor at the front of the building facing Beacon Street.

1. DORIC HALL

The name Doric Hall comes from the architectural style of the double row of columns with Doric capitals located in the center of the room. It serves as a reception hall for social gatherings and official ceremonies. The big double doors at its front entrance are opened only on three occasions: when a governor leaves the State House for the last time at the end of his or her term of office, when a Massachusetts regimental flag is returned to the permanent collection, and for official visits from the President of the United States or a foreign head of state. The last official presidential visit was made by William Howard Taft in 1912. A bronze bust of John Hancock, the first governor of the state, is on the west wall, opposite a full length portrait of Abraham Lincoln painted by A. Bicknell. On the north wall is a statue of George Washington, the first piece of artwork placed in the room. To the left is John Andrew, the Governor of Massachusetts during the Civil War.

Go straight ahead through the center hallways.

2. NURSES HALL

Upon walking up the five steps, you enter a new addition to the State House designed by Charles Brigham and completed in 1895. The statue at the right is of a Civil War nurse tending to a fallen soldier - a memorial to all nurses who took part in the Civil War. It was sculpted in 1914 by Bela Pratt. Above are three paintings by Robert Reid showing the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, James Otis arguing against the Writs of Assistance, and the Boston Tea Party.

Go straight ahead through the center hallways.

3. THE HALL OF FLAGS

This circular room, honoring and remembering all Massachusetts soldiers, surrounded by tall columns of Sienna marble. The display of flags is a small sampling of the over 400 original flags carried to battle by Massachusetts men from the Civil War to the Vietnam Conflict. These are transparencies of flags, the originals are in climate controlled vaults. The murals above show (clockwise): The Pilgrims on the Mayflower, The Return of Colors at the end of the Civil War to the custody of the Commonwealth, John Eliot preaching to the Indians, and The Battle of Concord Bridge.



Just beyond staircase to the right through glass doors.

4. GREAT HALL

The Great Hall is the newest addition to the State House, completed in 1990. This beautiful marble hall is used for official state functions and receptions. The clock was designed by New York artist R.M. Fischer as a functional piece of art work. There are flags from each of the 351 cities and towns of Massachusetts on display here.

Proceed up the stairs to the second floor.

5. MAIN STAIRCASE

After the iron on the main staircase was cast, the molds were broken to ensure that the railings would be one of a kind.

6. STAINED GLASS WINDOW

This beautiful window shows the evolution of our state seal. The current state seal was adopted in 1780. Our state motto translated from the Latin means: By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty.

Go up the stairs to the left.

7. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Built in 1895, this is the larger of the two legislative chambers. There are 160 state representatives in Massachusetts. Each serves a term of two years and represents a population of approximately 40,000 people. At the rear of the chamber, above the public gallery, hangs a wooden cod fish. This is a special symbol in our state of the importance of the fishing industry to our economy. It is considered to be a good luck charm. It was originally given to the House in 1784 by a merchant named John Rowe.

Take a right and go straight down the hallway.

8. THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

This is the Governor's suite of offices. Also inside is the Governor's council chamber. There are eight councilors elected every two years. The Governor is elected every four years. This is a working office and not open to tour groups.

Take a left down the hallway which crosses the building to the Senate, then proceed down the stairs, turn left to go back to Doric Hall.

9. SENATE CHAMBER

This is located in the original Bulfinch section of the building. To the left is the Senate Reception Room, formerly the Senate Chamber, and to the right is the current Senate Chamber, formerly the House Chamber. There are forty state Senators in Massachusetts, each is elected for a two year term and represents approximately 160,000 people. Directly above the chamber is the golden dome. It is gilded with 23 karat gold leaf. It is also used as a reference point to measure distances to what is considered the center of Boston. The "Holy Mackerel," another representation of the fishing industry, hangs above the chamber.

Just outside of Doric Hall on the West Hallway.

10. WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

The newest addition to the State House art collection is a work called "HEAR US," created by two artists in 1999. This work honors all women who were active in public life by showing six women who made contributions to Massachusetts government. Their causes ranged from the treatment of the mentally ill to racial discrimination, from women's right to vote to working conditions for women and children. The artists put the six honorees in chronological order, beginning with Dorothea Dix, who was born at the very beginning of the 19th century, and ending with Florence Luscomb who lived long enough not only to vote but to run for office. Please refer to the free interpretive brochure to learn more about Dorothea Dix, Lucy Stone, Sarah Parker Remond, Josephine Ruffin, Mary Kenny O'Sullivan and Florence Luscomb.

